

Siuslaw language

Siuslaw (/saɪˈjuːslɔː/)^[2] was the language of the Siuslaw people and Lower Umpqua (Kuitsh) people of Oregon. It is also known as *Lower Umpqua*; Upper Umpqua (or simply *Umpqua*) was an Athabaskan language. The Siuslaw language had two dialects: Siuslaw proper (Šaayušła) and Lower Umpqua (Quuiič).

Siuslaw is usually considered to belong to the Penutian phylum, and may form part of a Coast Oregon Penutian subgroup together with Alsea and the Coosan languages.^[3]

Documentation

Published sources are by Leo J. Frachtenberg who collected data from a non-English-speaking native speaker of the Lower Umpqua dialect and her Alsean husband (who spoke it as a second language) during three months of fieldwork in 1911,^[4]^[5]^[6] and by Dell Hymes who worked with four Siuslaw speakers in 1954.^[7]

Further archived documentation consists of a 12-page vocabulary by James Owen Dorsey,^[8] a wordlist of approximately 150 words taken by Melville Jacobs in 1935 in work with Lower Umpqua speaker Hank Johnson,^[9] an audio recording of Siuslaw speaker Spencer Scott from 1941, hundreds of pages of notes from John Peabody Harrington in 1942 based on interviews with several native speakers,^[10] and audio recordings of vocabulary by Morris Swadesh in 1953.

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Siuslaw	
Lower Umpqua	
Šáayušła / Quuiič	
Native to	United States
Region	Oregon
Ethnicity	Siuslaw people
Extinct	1970s
Language family	Coast Oregon Penutian ? <div> <div>▪ Siuslaw</div> </div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	sis
Glottolog	sius1254 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/sius1254) ^[1]
 <div>Pre-contact distribution of Siuslaw</div>	

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External links

- Languages of Oregon – Siuslaw (<https://web.archive.org/web/20110429041543/http://logos.uoregon.edu/explore/oregon/siuslaw.html>)
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